

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Richard J. Lee
AKIHIRO KOHNO, et al.)	
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Application No.: 09/358,933)	
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Filed: July 23, 1999)	
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For: COMMUNICATION)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD,	:	
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)	October 11, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants' undersigned representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted today, October 11, 2006.

This is a statement of the substance of the interview.

During the interview, the Amendment filed on September 15, 2006 was discussed. Specifically, Applicants contend that Aoki's display of a fully-illuminated PLAY icon and a flashing PLAY icon does not inherently require a detection unit for detecting whether or not a current frame image displayed by a display unit is updated by a next frame image being received by a reception unit in a summary mode in which frame images generated from a plurality of cameras are displayed automatically and independently of users control operation. Rather, as Aoki expressly discloses, the fully illuminated PLAY icon is displayed because the play switch SWP is pressed to enter a playback mode. Similarly, Aoki teaches that the flashing PLAY icon is displayed because the play switch SWP is pressed to enter a standby mode. Thus, rather than detecting whether or not a current frame image displayed by a display unit is updated by a next frame image being received by the reception unit in a summary mode, Aoki expressly teaches that a specific sequence of switches and conditions for selection of a playback mode or a standby mode cause the icons to be displayed.

Applicants further contend that Aoki does not disclose at least the feature of, in a summary mode, receiving one frame image from the camera corresponds to displaying a flashing icon one time and display of a non-flashing icon corresponds to a period of time between receiving the one frame image from the camera and receiving a subsequent frame image from the camera.

The Examiner agreed to consider further the arguments and amendments and issue an Office Action in due course.

On a formal note, the Examiner requested Applicants resend the Amendment filed on September 15, 2006, since the facsimile copy in the Patent Office's

records contains a line that makes the Amendment difficult to read. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Amendment filed on September 15, 2006 for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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